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Dear Sir:

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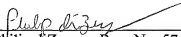
"If the application under examination is identified as a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in part of an earlier application, the examiner will consider the prior art cited in the earlier application. The examiner must indicate in the first Office action whether the prior art in a related earlier application has been reviewed. Accordingly, no separate citation of the same prior art need be made in the later application."

Applicants request that the Examiner review the art cited in the IDS(s) in the parent application(s), and provide an indication that it has been considered in an Office Action in the present application.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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